



Cincinnati Police Department STAFF NOTES

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Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief



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1. SEAT BELT EXTENDERS

Effective immediately, all seat belt extenders are to be inventoried and returned to Fleet Management Unit and should **not** be used. It has been determined that the deployment of seat belt extenders in police vehicles may contribute to unsafe conditions in the event of a vehicle crash.

Any questions may be directed to Dave Diersing, Fleet Management Unit, at 352-6365.

2. BLUE WAVE READERSHIP SURVEY

Department members are encouraged to complete and return by May 14, 2007, the "Blue Wave" readership survey which was mailed to their residence. Completion of the survey only takes a few minutes and may be returned using the postage paid envelope provided. The envelope will require additional postage if mailed after May 14, 2007.

This survey is necessary to improve the effectiveness and quality of this publication. All responses will remain anonymous with results to be reported in an upcoming issue of the newsletter. Any questions may be directed to Lieutenant Deborah Bauer, Police Relations Section, at 352-2593.

3. 2007 LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Ohio's 2007 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics will begin with the Cincinnati to Springdale leg Wednesday, June 20, 2007. The goal of this run is to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics and to promote the positive image of law enforcement. Runners are encouraged to obtain a minimum of \$25 in sponsorships to cover the costs of their participation and to benefit Special Olympics. Last year, the Ohio Law Enforcement Torch Run raised over \$265,000 for Ohio's Special Olympics.

The first leg of the run will begin at the Cincinnati Police Memorial on June 20, 2007, at 0900 hours. It will proceed north approximately 16 miles to the Springdale Police Department. Participants can run as much of this route as they choose. Return transportation will be available during and after the run.

The Police Chief has approved the use of detail time for this event. On-duty personnel will be permitted to participate with the prior approval of district/section/unit commanders. Off-duty personnel will not be compensated.

All units will receive informational fliers and sponsorship forms. Advance application is not necessary. Runners may also sign up on the day of the run. Any questions should be directed to Lieutenant Thomas Lanter, Public Information Office, at 352-3519.

4. SUSPENSION OF THE NEW SWORN PERFORMANCE EVALUATION RATING SYSTEM

Effective immediately, Department members are directed to suspend the use of all sworn performance evaluation ratings based on the new rating system. Personnel Section will disseminate information regarding performance evaluations as soon as it becomes available.

Questions regarding the new Performance Evaluation Process should be referred to Lieutenant Alan March, Personnel Section, at 352-2587.

5. THANK YOU LETTERS

[Attached](#) to these Staff Notes is a letter of appreciation and praise written to the Police Chief for the professionalism displayed by our Department and specifically the following officer:

Police Specialist Ralph Unger

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher Jr.,

I am sending you this letter on behalf of myself and the Independence Police Department.

Detective Unger made an isolation video off of a store surveillance video that was used during the trial of Mr. Troy Schweikert. He was charged with Rape 1st, Unlawful Imprisonment, and Terrorist Threatening. With the assistance in this investigation and the video provided, Mr. Troy Schweikert was found guilty on all three counts and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Our gratitude and appreciation to Detective Unger and the Cincinnati Police Department for the assistance that was given to us during our investigation.

Sincerely,
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